



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

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To: Public Service Board
112 State St., Drawer 20
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Ms Maria Thurrell, Office Manager
Soveren Solar
101 Sullivan Drive, Putney, VT 05346

From: Westminster Planning Commission
PO Box 147, Westminster, VT 05158

Re: Proposed Solar Park at Westminster Industrial Park site

Dear Public Service Board and Ms Thurrell,

The Westminster Planning Commission has no objection to the proposed solar park at this time. It is our recommendation that a project of this type, that uses solar generation technology and reduces our dependence on fossil fuels, is beneficial and consistent with our Town Plan.

We would like Soveren Solar to answer two technical questions for us before commencing the construction:

- 1) What is the projected practical life span of the solar panels and what is the current plan for recycling or processing solar panels when they weaken and need to be replaced?
- 2) Is Soveren required by the Public Service Board to submit a plan for removal of the entire installation (a form of "de-commissioning") should it become obsolete or otherwise no longer beneficial? Do you consider a removal plan -- for any reason -- to be one of your responsibilities?

Our next regular meeting is December 9, 2013, 7:00 pm at the Westminster Town Hall.
We may invite you for a presentation at one of our meetings in 2014.

Yours truly,

John Medeiros, Chair, on behalf of the Planning Commission